

Amendments to and Listing of the Claims:

Please amend claims 1, 2, 4-7 and 9 and cancel claim, as follows:

1. (currently amended) A ladder support bracket for receiving a rung of a ladder intended to be placed against the gutter of a building and thus restraining the ladder, from sideways or downwards movement, the bracket comprising a first region adapted to be secured for affixing to a rigid portion of the building, a second region adapted to span ~~which spans~~ the gutter, and a third region in the form of a cradle adapted to receive ~~for receiving~~ the rung of the ladder.

2. (currently amended) A ladder support bracket according to claim 1, wherein the first region which is adapted to be secured for fixing the bracket to a rigid portion of the building is in the form of a relatively planar sheet like portion which is adapted to be secured ~~may be attached by suitable means such as screws or the like to the rafters or other~~ timber members of the roof support structure of the building such as battens by attachment means in the form of screws, ~~this portion then being covered by the roofing material whether tiles or metal roofing.~~

3. (original) A ladder support bracket according to claim 1, wherein the second region spans the gutter so that in use the ladder does not actually make contact with the gutter.

4. (currently amended) A ladder support bracket according to claim 3, wherein ~~[[the]]~~ side rails of a ladder thus used with the bracket are additionally prevented from contacting the gutter by virtue of their resting against the leading edges of the gutter spanning region, said leading edges formed by virtue of the width of the cradle portion being less than the width of the gutter spanning region.

5. (currently amended) A ladder support bracket according to claim 1, in which the bracket is made a material selected from the group consisting of ~~from suitable~~ sheet metal, aluminum, marine grade aluminum, plastic and a composite material ~~such as aluminium, especially marine grade aluminium, or from plastics or a composite material.~~

6. (currently amended) A ladder support bracket according to claim 1, in which the bracket is molded to shape by a ~~moulded to shape, by any suitable~~ process for forming the shape ~~depending on appropriate to a~~ [[the]] material chosen.

7. (currently amended) A ladder support bracket according to claim 1, wherein the bracket is ~~left in place~~ permanently fixed to the rigid portion of the building.

8. (currently amended) A ladder support bracket according to claim 1, wherein the bracket is further bendable on site at the time of installation to the building to accommodate the particular pitch of the roof to which it is [[top]] to be fitted.

9. (currently amended) A ladder support bracket according to claim 1, in which the bracket is also provided with securing points, ~~such as~~ in the form of hooks or holes ~~or other suitable sites~~, for tying off or additionally securing the ladder by utilizing ~~such means as~~ ropes, ties, or rubber straps in conjunction with the securing points ~~or the like in otherwise known fashion~~.

10. (canceled).